**Teak and Sandalwood Forest.**

*Q.*—362. Sri SIRASAPPA IJARI (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of forest yielding teak and sandalwood ;

(*b*) whether there are any proposals to improve the area and the yield ;

(*c*) whether any complaints have been received about the destruction of forest in Sandur area and whether any action has been taken by them against such disafforestation ?

*A.*—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Since Sandal and Teak grow along with many other species of trees in the forests of the State, it is not possible to compute this information.

(*b*) Raising teak plantations is an annual feature of the Forest Department. Though no regular Sandal tree plantations can be raised for the reason that Sandal is a root parasite and cannot be grown in the form of a plantation, dibbling seeds of Sandal under bushes is done every year for increasing the extent of Sandalwood trees in forests.

(*c*) Yes. The matter is under investigation.

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**Village Offices.**

*Q.*—168. Sri B. RACHIAH (Yelandur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total extent of service inam land in the possession of registered Baravardars holding village offices ;

(*b*) the total number of persons who receive potgi and the total amount;

(*c*) whether all the service lands are exempted from payment of assessment ;

(*d*) whether they intend to abolish these hereditary offices and make regular appointments restricting the number of posts ?

*A.*—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) 1,38,993 acres and 26 guntas.

(*b*) (1) 39,751.

(2) Rs. 15,36,847-3-9.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

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**Medical Probationers.**

*Q.*—303. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have appointed 18 medical probationers in October 1953 ;

(*b*) if so, their names, community and order of ranking ;

(*c*) the principles they applied for fixing the ranking of the probationers;

(*d*) whether this is not in accordance with the Public Service Commission's recommendation that the ranking of these probationers was fixed ;

(*e*) whether these persons were not appointed in accordance with the same ranking fixed by the Public Service Commission and accepted by the Government in 1953 by a Government Order ;

(*f*) whether there is any further recommendation from the Public Service Commission to the Government deviating from the previous recommendation sent to the Government before the Government Order of 1953 ?

*A.*—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Please see statement below.

(*c*) The Public Service Commission furnish the order of ranking.

(*d*) Yes, except in regard to Sri Chamaraj.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. The matter is under consideration of Government.